

Rusher recorded in 1805 that Mr Hartwell's cart for Farnborough left the Town Hall Steps in the Market Place on Mondays and Thursdays. Joseph Hartwell was calling at the *Plough* on Mondays and Thursdays by 1815, and by the early 1830s was also going to Warwick, although he ceased to go there shortly before the railway opened. By 1851 he had retired but the business continued with his son Jonathan who shared a house with his widowed grandmother, keeper of the village shop. During the 1860s the business passed to Ezekiel Hartwell, his brother, whose wife kept the shop. Ezekiel's son Alfred was assisting with the business by 1891, and was still carrying to the *Plough* in 1912.

The Humphris (spellings vary) family carried to Banbury from Greatworth and Marston St Lawrence for more than a century. Rusher records Mr Humphris's cart visiting the *Queen's Head* in 1808 and by 1833 Thomas Humphris went to the inn on Mondays and Thursdays, while going to Brackley on Saturdays. By 1841 Ann Humphris, Thomas's widow, was carrying on the business sharing her house with a son, John, a butcher. By 1851 the carrying business was run by James Humphris, who farmed two acres, and changed his Banbury destination to the *Bear*. By 1861 he and his wife had five sons, two of whom worked as farm labourers, and two daughters, one of whom made pillow lace. By 1876 he was running a beerhouse which in 1891 bore the name *Waggon & Horses*. His son William was still carrying to the *Bear* in 1911.

John Boddington, was born about 1825, the son of a farm labourer at Weston-on-the-Green, and in 1851 was working on the land, supporting his widowed mother. Several of the numerous Boddington family were hurdle makers, an occupation which John had taken up by 1871 by which time he had married and had three sons and a daughter, and also ran a shop.<sup>22</sup> Between 1876 and 1881 he moved to Upper Heyford where he took over the business of James Hitchcox, running a farm, and a beerhouse then called the *Woolpack*, while his son Josiah assisted him as carrier, visiting the *Catherine Wheel* at Banbury on Mondays and Thursdays, Oxford on Wednesdays and Saturdays and Bicester on Fridays. In 1895 Josiah Boddington was working from the *Barley Mow* at Heyford, but by 1901 he had moved to the farm worked by his brother Walter in the hamlet of Caulcott, and Walter was running the carrying business in 1912.

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<sup>22</sup> The enumerators' returns for the 1861 census for the Woodstock union, which included Weston-on-the-Green, are lost.